

## CCRB INVESTIGATIVE RECOMMENDATION

Investigator: Carter Garfield	Team: Squad #10	CCRB Case #: 201904465	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Force	<input type="checkbox"/> Discourt.	<input type="checkbox"/> U.S.
			<input type="checkbox"/> Abuse	<input type="checkbox"/> O.L.	<input type="checkbox"/> Injury
Incident Date(s) Tuesday, 05/21/2019 9:00 AM	Location of Incident: [REDACTED]	Precinct: 05	18 Mo. SOL 11/21/2020	EO SOL 7/8/2021	
Date/Time CV Reported Wed, 05/22/2019 5:58 PM	CV Reported At: CCRB	How CV Reported: On-line website	Date/Time Received at CCRB Wed, 05/22/2019 5:58 PM		
<b>Complainant/Victim</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Home Address</b>			
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]			
<b>Subject Officer(s)</b>	<b>Shield</b>	<b>TaxID</b>	<b>Command</b>		
1. POM Ryan Bonti	14974	960265	MED DIV		
<b>Officer(s)</b>	<b>Allegation</b>			<b>Investigator Recommendation</b>	
A.POM Ryan Bonti	Force: Police Officer Ryan Bonti struck § 87(2)(b) [REDACTED] with a vehicle.			[REDACTED]	

### Case Summary

On May 22, 2019, § 87(2)(b) filed this complaint with the CCRB online. A search for duplicates in CTS yielded no results.

On May 21, 2019, at approximately 9:00 a.m., § 87(2)(b) rode her bicycle south on Park Row just southeast of Worth Street in Manhattan. There was a security booth with the gate open and a police car parked perpendicular to the road. As § 87(2)(b) rode past the booth, the police car, operated by Police Officer Ryan Bonti, backed up and she had to swerve out of the way. She approached the police car and spoke with PO Bonti. After a brief exchange, PO Bonti began to back up his car again and his right-side mirror hit § 87(2)(b)'s arm (**Allegation A: Force – Vehicle, § 87(2)(g)**). § 87(2)(b) then rode away on her bicycle. There was no video footage of the incident, no arrests were made, and no summons was issued.

### Findings and Recommendations

**Allegation A: Force – Police Officer Ryan Bonti struck § 87(2)(b) with a vehicle.**

It was undisputed that PO Bonti's car made contact with § 87(2)(b)'s arm. What is disputed is whether PO Bonti hit her arm deliberately.

§ 87(2)(b) (**BR 01**) described riding her bike south on Park Row when she noticed a marked police car parked perpendicular to the road next to a NYPD security checkpoint. She saw no officer in the car or in the booth but stated that an officer is typically in the booth. As she rode past the booth, PO Bonti started to back up the police car and that she had to swerve to avoid being hit. She approached and stood "very close" to PO Bonti's vehicle and said, "You almost hit me" to which PO Bonti replied, "I didn't hit you, get out of the street." PO Bonti then began to back up again and intentionally "bumped" her arm with the car mirror. § 87(2)(b) then reached into PO Bonti's car, took a photo of him (**BR 02**), and left on her bike. § 87(2)(b) stated that she was not injured from the incident and that she did not seek any medical treatment for the incident.

PO Bonti (**BR 03**) described Park Row as an area closed off to general traffic with a two-lane road and a marked bike path. The NYPD booth had a rising gate and steel plate that functioned as a sentry for vehicles in the area. On the day of the incident, the steel plate was broken, the gate was up, and PO Bonti was assigned to use his car as a physical barrier to the area. PO Bonti positioned his vehicle perpendicular to the entrance and to move he backed up toward the curb about eight to ten feet. There was an additional officer in a second police car across from PO Bonti, who would also move to allow vehicles to leave. PO Bonti and the second officer faced each other while a third unmarked RMP with a third officer was positioned in between the other two but positioned with the road, facing the booth from the inside of the police premises. Both PO Bonti and the officer monitoring the exit of the booth had their police lights engaged.

Close to the curb there was a marked bike lane. However, at no point were bicycles allowed over the steel plate that PO Bonti was monitoring. There was a concrete barrier that blocked the bike lane, to direct bicyclists to use the sidewalk. Bicyclists were required to use the sidewalk next to the booth. The only reason § 87(2)(b) was able to ride her bike through this area on May 21, 2019, was because the steel plate was broken.

§ 87(2)(b) rode on Park Row at the same time an MTA bus approached the stop in front of the booth. § 87(2)(b) rode around the left side of the bus, over the

steel plate and passed the rear of PO Bonti's vehicle as PO Bonti backed up. PO Bonti stated that § 87(2)(b) rode past the rear of PO Bonti's RMP at ten to fifteen miles per hour and that it took her about a hundred feet to come to a stop. She then approached PO Bonti in his police vehicle and told him to be more careful, where PO Bonti told her that she needed to move out of the road because a bus was coming. At this point, the bus was idling a little more than ten feet from PO Bonti waiting for him to move his car. § 87(2)(b) backed up her bike, and PO Bonti slowly began to back up his RMP. While PO Bonti backed up his vehicle, § 87(2)(b) leaned in and the right-side mirror "lightly brushed" her right arm. PO Bonti immediately stopped his vehicle and told § 87(2)(b) again to move because of the bus. § 87(2)(b) reached her arm into the vehicle, took a photo of PO Bonti and rode away on her bicycle. PO Bonti denied intentionally hitting § 87(2)(b) with his vehicle.

§ 87(2)(g)

#### Civilian and Officer CCRB Histories

- This is § 87(2)(b)'s first allegation with the CCRB (**BR 04**)
- PO Bonti has been a member of service for three years and this is the first CCRB complaint to which he has been a subject (**BR 05**).

#### Mediation, Civil and Criminal Histories

- § 87(2)(b) declined to mediate.
- According to the Office of Court Administration (OCA), § 87(2)(b) has no history of convictions in New York City (**BR 06**).
- A FOIL request was sent to the Office of the Comptroller on January 27, 2020 and will be added to the case file upon receipt (**BR 07**)

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